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FROM TOM BALL

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SUBJECT: LEBANON DISASTER RELIEF MEDICAL SUPPLIES

REF: FRANKFURT 7228

1. REGRET REFTEL ARRIVED AFTER ALL SARG OFFICES CLOSED.
AS OF 1600 LOCAL HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE IF LANDING
CLEARANCE FOR SEABOARD CHARTER SENT. REQUEST YOU ADGWISE
SEABOARD THAT EMBASSY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO CONFIRM
CLEARANCE EARLIER THAN 0700 GMT SEPTEMBER 29.

2. FYI: REALIZE ABOVE MAY NECESSITATE DELAY IN CHARTER
ARRIVAL BUT THIS NOT ENTIRELY UNWELCOME HERE. PROBABLY
DUE REPORTED HEAVY FIGHTING IN LEBANESE MOUNTAINS BEIRUT
EXPRES WORKCREW AND TRUCKS HAVE NOT YET REACHED DAMASCUS.
BELIEVE SEABOARD SHOULD FLY WHENEVER CLEARANCE RECEIVED.
AT WORST CARGO CAN BE SET OFF ON RUNWAY AWAITING TRUCKS.

HOWEVER, EVEN FEW HOURS DELAY CAUSED BY NATURAL
HITCH MAY PUT US IN BETTER SHAPE HERE. END FYI.
MURPHY

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